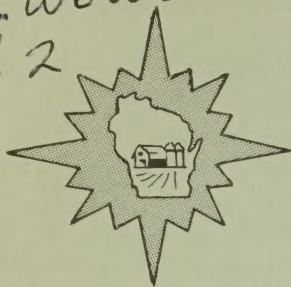


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Cold storage stocks of butter and American cheese in the Nation at the end of May were down from last year.

The June 1 hog inventory in Wisconsin was 14 percent below a year ago and a record low for that date since quarterly estimates began in 1960.

Prices of barrows and gilts at the St. Paul market averaged \$46.67 a hundredweight during May, up \$5.86 from April and the second highest price on record.

Red meat production in Wisconsin's commercial slaughtering plants during April was 12 percent above last year as a 28 percent gain in beef output offset a 5 percent drop in pork production.

Cold storage stocks of meat in the Nation at the end of May were 29 percent under a year earlier.

Beef cattle prices at the St. Paul and Kansas City markets increased from April to May.

Wisconsin dairy plants continued to increase their production of cheese in 1974 while also making more butter than in 1973.

MILK PRODUCTION HOLDING STEADY

Milk production in Wisconsin and the Nation during May showed little change from a year ago. Dairy herds in Wisconsin produced 1,778 million pounds of milk in May, a seasonal gain of 7 percent from April but nearly equal to the 1,782 million pounds produced in May 1974. Output per cow for May averaged 985 pounds, a decline of 5 pounds from a year earlier. Milk cow numbers totaled 1,805,000 during May, up 5,000 from May last year. Wisconsin's milk production during the first five months of 1975 was about the same as in that period a year ago.

The Nation's milk production of 10.8 billion pounds in May was slightly under a year earlier but output for January through May was virtually unchanged from those months in 1974.

Milk Production

Selected States	May 1974	May 1975	Jan.-May 1975	Change from last year	
				May	Jan.-May
	Million pounds			Percent	
Wisconsin . . .	1,782	1,778	7,979	n. c.	n. c.
Minnesota . . .	917	887	4,225	- 3	- 3
Iowa	384	374	1,666	- 3	- 1
New York . . .	927	949	4,307	+ 2	+ 3
Pennsylvania . .	653	656	2,959	n. c.	+ 2
California . . .	945	940	4,352	- 1	+ 1
Other states . .	5,233	5,205	23,521	- 1	n. c.
United States .	10,841	10,789	49,009	n. c.	n. c.

MILK PRICE REMAINS UNCHANGED

Prices received by Wisconsin farmers for all milk of average test delivered to plants and dealers during May are expected to average \$7.55 a hundredweight. This would be the same as in April but 2 cents under a year ago.

Milk prices for April increased 8 cents from March but were 78 cents below April 1974. The average milkfat content in April was 3.78 percent compared with 3.74 percent a year earlier.

Producers for the Grade A market received an average of \$7.77 a hundredweight in April, up 7 cents from March but 78 cents less than the previous year. Manufacturing

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grade milk averaged \$7.24 a hundredweight during April, a gain of 11 cents from a month earlier but 79 cents below last year. The price spread between market and manufacturing grade milk was 53 cents in April, nearly the same as in 1974.

Milk Prices 1/

Selected States	March 1975		April price per cwt.			May 1975 price per cwt. 2/
	Average test	Price per cwt.	1974	1975	75/74 change	
	Percent	Dollars	Dollars	Dollars	Percent	Dollars
Milk for all uses						
Wisconsin	3.79	7.47	8.33	7.55	- 9	7.55
Minnesota	3.65	7.07	7.98	7.14	- 11	7.15
Iowa	3.72	7.31	8.23	7.35	- 11	7.25
New York	3.66	7.90	8.80	7.80	- 11	7.65
California	3.66	8.60	8.59	8.45	- 2	8.30
United States	3.72	8.13	8.87	8.09	- 9	7.99
Wisconsin utilization						
Market milk	3.81	7.70	8.55	7.77	- 9	xxx
Manufacturing milk	3.76	7.13	8.03	7.24	- 10	xxx
Creameries	3.68	7.07	8.08	7.12	- 12	xxx
Cheese factories	3.76	7.14	8.04	7.24	- 10	xxx
Varied prod. plants	3.75	7.09	7.96	7.18	- 10	xxx

1/Preliminary average buying prices received for milk of average test. They differ from basic buying prices which are for 3.5% milk. 2/Based on preliminary information for milk of average test.

Wisconsin 3.5 Test Milk Prices 1/

Utilization	April 1974	March 1975	April 1975 2/	Change from last year
	Dollars per cwt.			Percent
Milk for all uses	7.79	6.90	6.99	- 10
Market milk	7.98	7.07	7.16	- 10
Manufacturing milk	7.56	6.64	6.78	- 10
Creameries	7.69	6.72	6.79	- 12
American cheese plants	7.56	6.64	6.79	- 10
Varied products plants	7.51	6.62	6.74	- 10
Federal Order Markets				
Chicago Regional Base Zone	8.46	7.43	7.48	- 12

1/Computed equivalents. 2/Preliminary.

WHOLESALE DAIRY PRICES HIGHER

Wholesale prices of dairy products increased from April to May. Cheddar cheese in 40 pound blocks averaged about 80½ cents a pound at Wisconsin primary markets during May. This was a gain of 1¼ cents from the previous month and more than 2½ cents above May 1974.

Swiss cheese, Wisconsin State Brand, averaged over \$1.07 a pound in May. The wholesale price of Swiss cheese

increased more than 2 cents from April to May and was almost 6 cents higher than a year ago.

Butter, 92-score at New York, averaged 70½ cents a pound for May. This was a slight gain from April and nearly 8½ cents above May last year.

Wholesale Dairy Prices

Commodity	May 1974	April 1975	May 1975 1/
Butter, 92-score, New York, pound	62.10¢	70.42¢	70.50¢
Cheese, Cheddars, Wisconsin primary markets, 40 lb. blocks, pound 2/	77.93¢	78.80¢	80.56¢
Cheese, Swiss, Wisconsin State Brand, block pound 2/	101.37¢	104.95¢	107.15¢
Evaporated milk, North Central States, case, 48-14½ oz. cans, range	\$11.30-12.10	\$11.90-12.49	\$ — — —
Nonfat dry milk solids, spray, Chicago area, pound	66.22¢	60.66¢	60.36¢

1/Preliminary estimates. 2/Selling prices, f.o.b. at Wisconsin assembly points.

BUTTER PRODUCTION CONTINUES HIGHER

Butter production in Wisconsin and the Nation during April continued above a year ago. Output of butter in Wisconsin for April was up 17 percent from last year and marked a full year of higher butter production. Nationally, butter churnings in April were 14 percent above the previous year. Minnesota showed a gain of 4 percent, Iowa was up 18 percent, and all other states increased 19 percent.

The Nation's cheese production during April was down 10 percent from a year earlier. Output of American cheese was 14 percent below April 1974 and Swiss cheese had a

Current Dairy Products Estimates

Item and area	April 1974	April 1975	Jan. - April 1975	Change from last year	
				April	Jan.-Apr.
	1,000 pounds			Percent	
BUTTER					
Wisconsin	18,150	21,300	80,000	+ 17	+ 24
Minnesota	23,000	23,900	88,710	+ 4	+ 6
Iowa	3,900	4,600	17,700	+ 18	+ 48
Other states	43,096	51,073	198,529	+ 19	+ 28
United States	88,146	100,873	384,939	+ 14	+ 22
CHEESE, AMERICAN					
Wisconsin	71,570	65,300	238,200	- 9	- 13
Minnesota	24,600	22,820	87,520	- 7	- 12
Missouri	8,500	3,660	11,910	- 57	- 62
Other states	72,950	61,115	212,102	- 16	- 19
United States	177,620	152,895	549,732	- 14	- 17
CHEESE, MISCELLANEOUS					
United States					
Swiss	15,965	14,485	52,429	- 9	- 12
Brick and Muenster	5,986	6,526	24,963	+ 9	+ 6
Italian	51,443	52,884	204,927	+ 3	+ 4
All other	18,120	16,600	69,519	- 8	+ 4
Total	91,514	90,495	351,838	- 1	+ 1
ALL CHEESE					
United States	269,134	243,390	901,570	- 10	- 11
OTHER PRODUCTS					
Cottage Cheese					
United States					
Curd 1/	60,838	60,632	232,008	n. c.	n. c.
Creamed 2/	75,296	78,871	296,553	+ 5	+ 2
	1,000 gallons			Percent	
Ice Cream					
Wisconsin	1,350	1,300	5,150	- 4	n. c.
Illinois	3,450	3,950	13,050	+ 14	- 5
Iowa	750	970	3,240	+ 29	+ 25
Michigan	3,223	3,150	12,470	- 2	+ 7
Minnesota	2,130	2,300	8,690	+ 8	- 1
Other states	52,540	57,181	214,855	+ 9	+ 8
United States	63,443	68,851	257,455	+ 9	+ 7

1/Includes cottage, pot, and bakers' cheese with a milkfat content of less than 4 percent. 2/Includes cheese with a milkfat content of 4 to 19 percent.

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decline of 9 percent. Italian cheese production increased 3 percent from April last year while Brick and Muenster output rose 9 percent. All other cheese varieties showed a decline of 8 percent from a year ago.

Wisconsin dairy plants made 9 percent less American cheese in April than a year earlier. Minnesota's output of American cheese for April was down 7 percent from last year. Production of American cheese in Missouri during April was less than half of a year ago and all other states had a decline of 16 percent.

CHEESE AND BUTTER STOCKS DOWN

Cold storage stocks of butter in the Nation at the end of May were 13 percent below a year earlier and cheese stocks were down 16 percent. There were 85 million pounds of butter in cold storage on May 31. Government butter stocks, at 49 million pounds, were well above the 9 million pounds held on that date in 1974.

Stocks of American cheese in cold storage at the end of May totaled 383 million pounds, 16 percent under last year. Government stocks of American cheese amounted to about 4½ million pounds, 10 times greater than on May 31, 1974. Swiss cheese stocks at the end of May were 20 percent below a year ago and all other cheese stocks declined 21 percent.

Cold Storage Stocks of Butter and Cheese

Commodity	May 31, 1973	May 31, 1974	May 31, 1975	Change from last year
	1,000 pounds			Percent
UNITED STATES				
Butter	139,388	97,413	85,118	- 13
Cheese, American	271,104	454,766	383,051	- 16
Cheese, Swiss	11,564	14,002	11,137	- 20
Cheese, all other	47,902	64,663	51,394	- 21
Cheese, total	330,570	533,431	445,582	- 16
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Butter	9,229	5,359	5,584	+ 4
Cheese, American	176,984	260,973	208,650	- 20
GOVERNMENT STOCKS*				
Butter	102,033	9,229	49,335	+ 435
Cheese, American	214	429	4,447	+ 937

*Included in above totals.

Manufacturers' Stocks of Other Dairy Products United States

Commodity	April 30, 1973	April 30, 1974	April 30, 1975	Change from last year
	1,000 pounds			Percent
Dried whole milk	5,256	10,177	5,335	- 48
Dried skim milk	58,590	87,479	112,124	+ 28
Dried buttermilk	4,741	6,913	6,300	- 9
Condensed milk and evaporated milk (case goods) 1/ .	56,185	76,670	60,304	- 21

1/Combined to avoid disclosing individual plant operations.

INCREASE SLOWS FOR BUTTER PRODUCTION

According to weekly estimates, butter production in the Nation during May will be up only 1 percent from a year ago. Output of butter for April was 14 percent above last year while the increase for January through April was 22 percent. Wisconsin's butter production in May could be

slightly higher than a year earlier. Creameries in the State churned 17 percent more butter in April than a year ago and output for the first four months of 1975 was up 24 percent.

Weekly estimates indicate that production of American cheese in Wisconsin and the Nation during May will continue under the previous year. The Nation's output of American cheese in May could be down 8 percent from last year, following a 14 percent decline in April and a drop of 17 percent from January through April. Wisconsin's production of American cheese for May will be about 10 percent under a year earlier, after declining 9 percent in April and 13 percent in the first four months of 1975.

Recent Changes in Butter and Cheese Output

Periods	Butter			American cheese		
	United States		Wisconsin	United States		Wisconsin
	Production 1975	Change from last year	Change from last year	Production 1975	Change from last year	Change from last year
	1,000 lbs.	Percent	Percent	1,000 lbs.	Percent	Percent
April	100,873	+ 14	+ 17	152,895	- 14	- 9
Jan.-April	384,939	+ 22	+ 24	549,732	- 17	- 13
Weeks ending:						
May 8	22,800	n. c.	+ 5	37,400	- 10	- 11
May 15	22,400	+ 2	- 6	37,500	- 8	- 11
May 22	22,700	+ 1	n. c.	38,950	- 6	- 9
May 29	23,300	+ 1	+ 5	39,900	- 7	- 11
Total	91,200	+ 1	xxx	153,750	- 8	xxx

MEAT STOCKS WELL BELOW LAST YEAR

Cold storage stocks of meat in the Nation at the end of May were down 29 percent from a year earlier. Beef stocks were a third less than on May 31, 1974, and pork supplies in cold storage declined 21 percent.

The 307 million pounds of beef in cold storage at the end of May were 41 million pounds less than a month earlier and 154 million pounds below last year.

Pork stocks in cold storage on May 31 totaled almost 324 million pounds. This was 19 million pounds lower than the previous month and 88½ million pounds fewer than on May 31, 1974.

Cold Storage Stocks of Meat United States

Commodity	May 31, 1973	May 31, 1974	April 30, 1975	May 31, 1975	Change from last year
	1,000 pounds				Percent
Beef:					
Frozen	324,221	447,911	339,103	298,357	- 33
In cure and cured	11,354	13,357	9,141	9,088	- 32
Total	335,575	461,268	348,244	307,445	- 33
Pork:					
Frozen	243,566	397,144	329,676	310,995	- 22
In cooler	15,216	15,203	13,073	12,852	- 15
Total	258,782	412,347	342,749	323,847	- 21
Other meats and meat products:					
Veal, frozen	11,799	13,757	11,220	10,421	- 24
Lamb and mutton, frozen	15,644	16,820	10,033	8,917	- 47
Canned meats in cooler:					
Hams	60,600	91,417	66,946	57,042	- 38
Other meats	15,212	15,677	14,756	12,348	- 21
Total, all meats	697,612	1,011,286	793,948	720,020	- 29

1974 MANUFACTURED DAIRY PRODUCTS

Wisconsin dairy plants continued to increase their production of cheese in 1974 while also making more butter. Total cheese production exceeded a billion pounds for the third consecutive year. Cheese factories in the State manufactured 5 percent more cheese during 1974 than a year earlier, continuing the upward trend which began in 1963. Record amounts of American, Italian, and Muenster cheese were produced in 1974.

American cheese production totaled 764 million pounds for 1974, up 6 percent from 1973. Output of Italian cheese amounted to 217 million pounds in 1974, an increase of 9 percent from the previous year. Production of Muenster cheese was also up 9 percent in 1974 but output of Swiss cheese declined 9 percent and Brick cheese production was down 2 percent from 1973.

Wisconsin creameries churned 193 million pounds of butter during 1974, a gain of 8 percent from the previous year.

Manufactured Dairy Products, Wisconsin, 1973-74

Product	Unit	1973	1974	Change from last year
		Thousands		Percent
Creamery butter (including whey butter)	Lb.	179,406	193,067	+ 8
Cheese				
American	Lb.	720,104	764,420	+ 6
Cheddar	Lb.	588,476	569,219	- 3
Other types 1/	Lb.	131,628	195,201	+ 48
Swiss	Lb.	32,764	29,795	- 9
Muenster	Lb.	35,720	38,949	+ 9
Brick	Lb.	17,060	16,703	- 2
Brick and Muenster Total	Lb.	52,780	55,652	+ 5
Limburger	Lb.	1,728	1,878	+ 9
Italian	Lb.	199,674	217,017	+ 9
All other cheese (excluding cottage cheese)	Lb.	63,991	59,545	- 7
Total cheese (excluding cottage cheese)	Lb.	1,071,041	1,128,307	+ 5
Condensed and powdered products				
Sweetened condensed whole milk (bulk goods)	Lb.	60,086	55,414	- 8
Unsweetened condensed whole milk (bulk goods)	Lb.	41,987	57,318	+ 37
Evaporated whole milk, unsweetened (case goods)	Lb.	2/	2/	-
Total condensed whole milk	Lb.	102,073	112,732	+ 10
Condensed skim milk (bulk goods)				
Sweetened	Lb.	48,614	33,938	- 30
Unsweetened	Lb.	127,012	92,828	- 27
Total sweetened and unsweetened skim milk	Lb.	175,626	126,766	- 28
Condensed whey	Lb.	31,879	20,514	- 36
Dried skim milk for human use	Lb.	89,242	108,243	+ 21
Dried skim milk for animal feed	Lb.	446	411	- 8
Total dried skim milk	Lb.	89,688	108,654	+ 21
Dried whole milk	Lb.	4,527	2,575	- 43
Dried buttermilk	Lb.	8,573	11,436	+ 33
Dried whey for human use	Lb.	154,566	189,716	+ 23
Dried whey for animal feed	Lb.	202,799	208,813	+ 3
Total dried whey	Lb.	357,365	398,529	+ 12
Malted milk powder	Lb.	16,263	14,187	- 13
Other products				
Ice cream	Gal.	16,006	17,013	+ 6
Ice milk	Gal.	5,431	6,658	+ 23
Cottage cheese curd	Lb.	40,597	39,708	- 2
Cottage cheese creamed 3/	Lb.	57,844	55,237	- 5

1/Includes Colby, Jack, Monterey and Granular. 2/Production not shown for less than 3 plants reported or individual plant operations might be disclosed. 3/Includes lowfat creamed cottage cheese in 1973.

SNAP BEANS: Acreage, Yield, and Production
By Counties, Wisconsin, 1974

County	Acres harvested	Yield per acre	Production	
			Quantity	Rank
	Acres		Tons	
Barron	2,300	2.2	5,100	7*
Bayfield	—	—	—	—
Burnett	500	2.0	1,000	26
Chippewa	800	2.1	1,700	16*
Douglas	—	—	—	—
Polk	2,200	2.3	5,100	7*
Rusk	100	2.5	250	44*
Sawyer	100	2.5	250	44*
Washburn	300	2.6	800	27*
Northwest	6,300	2.3	14,200	
Ashland	—	—	—	—
Clark	200	2.0	400	37*
Iron	—	—	—	—
Lincoln	300	2.3	700	30*
Marathon	900	2.7	2,400	13
Oneida	100	2.5	250	44*
Price	—	—	—	—
Taylor	—	—	—	—
Vilas	—	—	—	—
North Central	1,500	2.5	3,750	
Florence	—	—	—	—
Forest	—	—	—	—
Langlade	2,400	2.7	6,500	6
Marinette	50	2.0	100	51*
Menominee	—	—	—	—
Oconto	2,900	2.4	7,000	5
Shawano 1/	450	2.7	1,200	22*
Northeast	5,800	2.6	14,800	
Buffalo	200	2.0	400	37*
Dunn	250	2.0	500	35
Eau Claire	100	1.5	150	49*
Jackson	50	2.0	100	51*
La Crosse	750	2.4	1,800	15
Monroe	50	2.0	100	51*
Pepin	1,100	1.8	2,000	14
Pierce	250	1.4	350	41
St. Croix	1,900	1.4	2,700	12
Trempealeau	50	2.0	100	51*
West Central	4,700	1.7	8,200	
Adams	4,400	2.5	11,000	3
Green Lake	450	3.3	1,500	19*
Juneau	—	—	—	—
Marquette	500	3.0	1,500	19*
Portage	6,200	2.9	18,000	2
Waupaca	50	2.0	100	51*
Waushara	15,900	2.8	44,500	1
Wood	600	2.0	1,200	22*
Central	28,100	2.8	77,800	
Brown	250	2.4	600	34
Calumet	100	2.5	250	44*
Door	300	2.5	750	29
Fond du Lac	1,400	3.2	4,500	10
Kewaunee	550	2.5	1,400	21
Manitowoc	2,000	2.3	4,600	9
Outagamie	500	1.6	800	27*
Sheboygan	1,700	2.6	4,400	11
Winnebago	100	3.0	300	42*
East Central	6,900	2.6	17,600	
Crawford	50	2.0	100	51*
Grant	—	—	—	—
Iowa	50	3.0	150	49*
Lafayette	450	2.4	1,100	25
Richland	200	2.3	450	36
Sauk	250	2.8	700	30*
Vernon	3,900	2.4	9,400	4
Southwest	4,900	2.4	11,900	
Columbia	100	3.0	300	42*
Dane	250	2.8	700	30*
Dodge	—	—	—	—
Green	50	2.0	100	51*
Jefferson	450	2.7	1,200	22*
Rock	150	2.6	400	37*
South Central	1,000	2.7	2,700	
Kenosha	—	—	—	—
Milwaukee	—	—	—	—
Ozaukee	650	2.4	1,600	18
Racine	150	2.6	400	37*
Walworth	650	2.6	1,700	16*
Washington	100	2.5	250	44*
Waukesha	250	2.6	650	33
Southeast	1,800	2.6	4,600	
State	61,000	2.55	155,550	

1/Includes Menominee. *Tied.

LIVESTOCK PRICES HIGHER IN MAY

Livestock prices received by Wisconsin farmers as of mid-May were substantially higher than a month earlier. The index of prices received for meat animals increased 15 percent from April to May and was the highest since March 1974.

Steers and heifers averaged \$38.60 a hundredweight as of May 15, up almost \$6.00 from the previous month and \$3.60 above last year. This was the first time since February 1974 that steers and heifers were higher than a year earlier.

Slaughter cows averaged \$23.30 a hundredweight in May, an increase of \$2.90 from April but still \$5.70 below last year. Calves, at \$34.80 a hundredweight for May, were up \$3.50 from the previous month but \$13.70 under a year ago.

Milk cows increased \$15.00 a head from April to May but at \$470.00 each were \$160.00 below May 1974. Hogs averaged \$43.80 a hundredweight as of mid-May, the second highest price on record. Prices for hogs increased \$5.60 from April to May and were \$18.30 above last year.

Prices Received by Wisconsin Farmers

Commodity	Unit	May 15, 1973	May 15, 1974	April 15, 1975	May 15, 1975
Dollars					
Milk cows	Head	570.00	630.00	455.00	470.00
Steers and heifers	Cwt.	42.70	35.00	32.70	38.60
Cows	Cwt.	33.80	29.00	20.40	23.30
Calves	Cwt.	62.00	48.50	31.30	34.80
Hogs	Cwt.	34.60	25.50	38.20	43.80
Sheep	Cwt.	9.50	10.00	7.80	8.10
Lambs	Cwt.	32.00	37.80	36.60	41.60
Chickens 1/	Lb.	.150	.125	.115	.115
Turkeys	Lb.	.300	.240	.370	.340
Eggs	Doz.	.460	.432	.396	.403
Corn	Bu.	1.48	2.55	2.73	2.69
Wheat	Bu.	2.00	3.30	3.25	2.86
Oats	Bu.	.85	1.33	1.45	1.49
Soybeans	Bu.	7.90	5.16	5.50	4.91
Alfalfa hay, baled	Ton	31.50	33.00	43.00	47.00

1/Excludes broilers.

Sheep averaged \$8.10 a hundredweight in May, a gain of 30 cents from a month earlier but \$1.90 below the previous year. Lambs, at \$41.60 a hundredweight as of mid-May, were \$5.00 above April and \$3.80 more than a year ago.

Turkeys declined 3 cents a pound from April to May but at 34 cents a pound liveweight were 10 cents higher than May 15, 1974. Eggs averaged 40.3 cents a dozen in May, a gain of nearly 1 cent from the previous month but about 3 cents under last year.

Crop prices declined from April to May except for oats and alfalfa hay. Wheat, at \$2.86 a bushel in mid-May was down 39 cents from April and 44 cents below a year ago. Corn averaged \$2.69 a bushel for May, a decline of 4 cents from a month earlier but 14 cents more than May 1974. Soybeans averaged \$4.91 a bushel as of May 15, down 59 cents from April and the first time soybeans were below \$5.00 since January 1973.

Oats increased 4 cents a bushel from April to May and at \$1.49 was 16 cents above last year. Baled alfalfa hay reached another record high of \$47.00 a ton in mid-May, up \$4.00 from a month earlier and \$14.00 greater than May 1974.

JUNE CROP REPORT

Frequent rains in June slowed first crop haying. Only 17 percent of the first crop was harvested by June 23rd compared with 30 percent normally by that date. Quantity of hay is heavy except where winterkilled but quality is deteriorating as the crop matures and cutting is delayed. The corn crop had excellent early development in May as planting and emerging conditions were favorable. Cool and wet weather in the first half of June slowed corn growth but very warm, humid weather in the second half has resulted in rapid plant growth. Soybeans also are developing well in the good growing conditions.

Oats and small grains look very good despite one of the latest planting seasons ever for those crops. Winter wheat is well headed and oats is beginning to head. Pastures continue to show fine growth but are soft from all the rain. Tobacco planting is going on between showers. Vegetable crops have benefitted from the recent warm weather. The early pea harvest is underway with prospects of a good crop. Strawberries are being picked. Fruit trees had a good bloom with favorable pollination weather and the outlook is promising. Potatoes are doing well. Soil moisture was reported as 25 percent adequate and 75 percent surplus as of June 23rd.

Rainfall in Inches, by Districts, Wisconsin

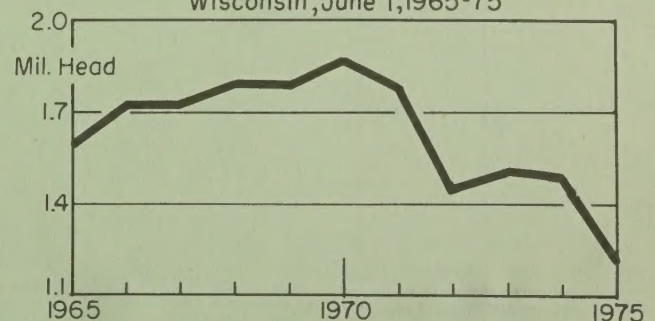
District	Month of May			Since April 1		
	1974	1975	Normal	1974	1975	Normal
Northwest	3.4	1.8	3.8	6.2	4.1	6.4
North Central	3.4	2.2	3.9	6.2	4.7	6.3
Northeast	3.2	2.7	3.5	6.2	4.8	6.2
West Central	3.7	3.7	4.0	6.4	8.2	6.6
Central	4.2	3.1	3.9	7.1	6.5	6.7
East Central	3.4	2.7	3.1	6.4	4.9	5.9
Southwest	4.2	2.8	3.8	7.9	6.7	6.8
South Central	4.8	4.1	3.4	8.8	7.0	6.3
Southeast	4.5	1.7	3.2	8.5	4.4	6.1

WISCONSIN HOG INVENTORY DOWN 14 PERCENT

Wisconsin farmers had 1,280,000 hogs and pigs on farms June 1, a decline of 14 percent from a year ago. Breeding stock totaled 230,000 and market hogs numbered 1,050,000. The State's June 1 hog inventory was a record low for that date since quarterly estimates began in 1960.

A total of 85,000 sows farrowed from March through

HOG & PIG INVENTORY
Wisconsin, June 1, 1965-75



May in Wisconsin, down 20 percent from that quarter in 1974. The March-May pig crop of 633,000 was 162,000 less than the previous year.

Hog producers in Wisconsin plan to farrow 80,000 sows during June through August. This would be 18 percent fewer than farrowed in that quarter last year. Farrowings for the September through November quarter are expected

to be 82,000 sows compared with 85,000 in the same quarter of 1974.

Hogs and pigs on the Nation's farms June 1 totaled 48.2 million, 19 percent less than a year earlier. The 14 states where quarterly estimates are made had 41 million hogs on farms June 1. These states accounted for 85 percent of all hogs and pigs in the Nation.

**All Hogs and Pigs on Farms, Breeding and Market
June 1, 1974 and 1975, 14 States**

States	For breeding			Market			Total hogs and pigs		
	1974	1975	Change from last year	1974	1975	Change from last year	1974	1975	Change from last year
	1,000 head		Percent	1,000 head		Percent	1,000 head		Percent
Georgia	269	218	- 19	1,521	1,142	- 25	1,790	1,360	- 24
Illinois	963	900	- 7	5,587	5,100	- 9	6,550	6,000	- 8
Indiana	666	518	- 22	3,834	3,032	- 21	4,500	3,550	- 21
Iowa	2,000	1,769	- 12	12,600	10,431	- 17	14,600	12,200	- 16
Kansas	283	202	- 29	1,542	1,238	- 20	1,825	1,440	- 21
Kentucky	221	148	- 33	1,079	777	- 28	1,300	925	- 29
Minnesota	587	479	- 18	3,463	2,421	- 30	4,050	2,900	- 28
Missouri	655	495	- 24	3,545	2,505	- 29	4,200	3,000	- 29
Nebraska	476	392	- 18	2,924	2,408	- 18	3,400	2,800	- 18
North Carolina	342	266	- 22	1,668	1,394	- 16	2,010	1,660	- 17
Ohio	328	248	- 24	1,858	1,352	- 27	2,186	1,600	- 27
South Dakota	315	194	- 38	1,935	1,246	- 36	2,250	1,440	- 36
Texas	165	132	- 20	765	668	- 13	930	800	- 14
Wisconsin	260	230	- 12	1,220	1,050	- 14	1,480	1,280	- 14
Total 14 States	7,530	6,191	- 18	43,541	34,764	- 20	51,071	40,955	- 20

**Sows Farrowing, Pigs per Litter and Pig Crop
March through May, 1974 and 1975, 14 States**

State	Sows farrowing			Pigs per litter		Pig crop 1/		
	1974	1975	Change from last year	1974	1975	1974	1975	Change from last year
	1,000 head		Percent	Head		1,000 head		Percent
Georgia	88	62	- 30	6.71	6.97	590	432	- 27
Illinois	485	380	- 22	6.75	6.95	3,274	2,641	- 19
Indiana	235	170	- 28	7.17	7.30	1,685	1,241	- 26
Iowa	920	745	- 19	7.10	7.15	6,532	5,327	- 18
Kansas	115	82	- 29	7.30	7.30	840	599	- 29
Kentucky	85	55	- 35	7.10	7.00	604	385	- 36
Minnesota	252	170	- 33	7.20	7.20	1,814	1,224	- 33
Missouri	270	190	- 30	7.45	7.23	2,012	1,374	- 32
Nebraska	220	160	- 27	7.30	7.50	1,606	1,200	- 25
North Carolina	109	93	- 15	7.30	7.60	796	707	- 11
Ohio	135	90	- 33	7.20	7.30	972	657	- 32
South Dakota	175	112	- 36	7.10	7.15	1,243	801	- 36
Texas	50	34	- 32	7.00	7.30	350	248	- 29
Wisconsin	106	85	- 20	7.50	7.45	795	633	- 20
Total 14 States	3,245	2,428	- 25	7.12	7.19	23,113	17,469	- 24

1/Number of pigs born March through May, that were on hand June 1, or had been sold.

Sows to Farrow, June through November, 14 States

State	June through August			September through November		
	1974	1975 1/	Change from last year	1974	1975 1/	Change from last year
	1,000 head		Percent	1,000 head		Percent
Georgia	80	62	- 22	68	60	- 12
Illinois	355	320	- 10	325	310	- 15
Indiana	220	175	- 20	195	160	- 18
Iowa	590	530	- 10	560	510	- 9
Kansas	90	65	- 28	95	85	- 11
Kentucky	63	55	- 13	58	45	- 22
Minnesota	205	165	- 20	200	170	- 15
Missouri	220	160	- 27	220	185	- 16
Nebraska	150	120	- 20	155	140	- 10
North Carolina	102	94	- 8	82	83	+ 1
Ohio	108	83	- 23	105	85	- 19
South Dakota	95	68	- 28	93	65	- 30
Texas	48	42	- 12	39	35	- 10
Wisconsin	98	80	- 18	85	82	- 4
Total 14 States	2,424	2,019	- 17	2,280	2,015	- 12

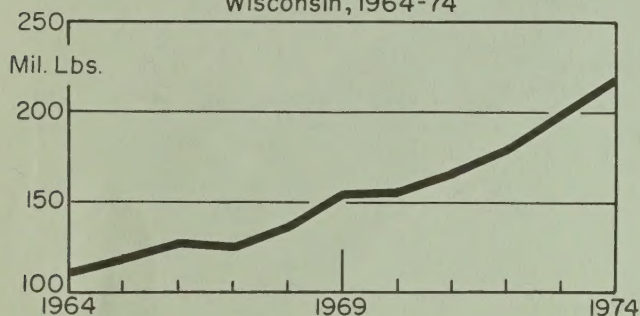
1/Number indicated by breeding intentions reports.

ITALIAN CHEESE PRODUCTION CONTINUES TO INCREASE

Production of Italian cheese in Wisconsin totaled 217 million pounds during 1974, up 9 percent from 1973 and nearly four times the 1957 level when records began. Italian cheese accounted for 19 percent of all cheese made in Wisconsin during 1974, considerably above the 9 percent in 1957.

Mozzarella, a soft type cheese used by the pizza trade, is the most popular variety of Italian cheese produced in Wisconsin. Mozzarella accounted for 59 percent of all Italian cheese made in 1974. There were 128 million pounds of Mozzarella cheese manufactured during 1974 compared with only 11 million pounds in 1957.

ITALIAN CHEESE PRODUCTION
Wisconsin, 1964-74



Soft types represented 60 percent of the Italian cheese produced in 1974, with Mozzarella providing nearly all of that figure. Production of soft types increased 7 percent from 1973 to 1974 while hard types gained 11 percent. Provolone is the leading variety of hard type Italian cheese. The 45 million pounds of Provolone produced in 1974 was 12 percent more than in 1973 and represented 21 percent of all Italian cheese. Output of Parmesan cheese in 1974 was up 24 percent from a year earlier but production of Romano declined 10 percent.

Italian Cheese Production by Varieties in Wisconsin

Variety	1961	1964	1969	1973	1974
Thousand pounds					
HARD					
Asiago	459	1,155	837	1/	1/
Parmesan	17,108	22,275	18,817	20,836	25,790
Provolone	21,959	24,184	28,922	40,340	45,116
Romano	13,570	13,493	14,115	14,261	12,904
Other hard	53	317	1,170	3,297	3,588
Total hard	53,149	61,424	63,861	78,734	87,398
SOFT					
Mozzarella	39,022	48,011	89,261	118,648	128,032
Other soft 2/	2,482	1,174	588	2,292	1,587
Total soft	41,504	49,185	89,849	120,940	129,619
All Italian	94,653	110,609	153,710	199,674	217,017

1/Combined with other hard. 2/Excludes Gorgonzola, formerly published as an Italian cheese.

CHEDDAR TYPES MAJOR AMERICAN CHEESE STYLE

Cheddar types accounted for 74 percent of the total American cheese made in Wisconsin during 1974. Large styles were again predominant with 500 and 640 pound barrels providing 49 percent of the total production compared with 43 percent in 1973. Forty pound blocks were

the second most popular style, making up 37 percent of the 1974 production. Of the Swiss cheese produced in 1974, blocks accounted for 98 percent of the total and wheels 2 percent.

American Cheese Production by Style, Wisconsin, 1974

Style	Cheddar	All other American 1/	All American	Percent of total production	
				1974	1973
	Thousand pounds			Percent	
Barrel 2/	283,059	94,865	377,924	49.4	42.8
Cheddar	2,588	—	2,588	.3	5.4
Daisy	13,960	557	14,517	1.9	1.6
Longhorn	21,231	12,251	33,482	4.4	4.5
Block 20 lb.	1,533	114	1,647	.2	.2
Block 40 lb.	209,868	72,983	282,851	37.0	39.3
Block 60 lb.	25,559	14,160	39,719	5.2	4.8
Mammoth	2,862	—	2,862	.4	.3
Flats	1,201	177	1,378	.2	.1
Midgits	6,924	—	6,924	.9	.9
Other	434	94	528	.1	.1
Total	569,219	195,201	764,420	100.0	100.0

1/Includes Colby, washed and stirred curd, Monterey and Jack. 2/Includes 640 pound square containers.

RED MEAT PRODUCTION ABOVE APRIL LAST YEAR

Red meat production in Wisconsin's commercial slaughtering plants during April totaled 111 million pounds, an increase of 12 percent from a year earlier. Although output of pork in April was down 5 percent from the previous year, beef production increased 28 percent.

The April cattle kill of 111,000 was 28,500 more than a year ago. Average liveweight of cattle butchered in April was 1,091 pounds, 52 pounds lighter than last year.

Hog slaughter for April numbered 297,000, a decline of 7,000 from April 1974. At 237 pounds average liveweight in April, hogs were 10 pounds lighter than a year earlier.

Commercial Livestock Slaughter

Area	Number			Liveweight	
	April		Change from last year	April	
	1974	1975		1974	1975
	1,000 head		Percent	Million pounds	
Cattle					
Wisconsin	82.5	111.0	+ 35	94.3	121.1
United States 1/ . .	2,901.4	3,206.4	+ 11	3,067.3	3,235.6
Calves					
Wisconsin	22.1	37.0	+ 67	3.6	4.9
United States 1/ . .	204.9	383.6	+ 87	48.4	106.5
Hogs					
Wisconsin	304.0	297.0	— 2	75.1	71.0
United States 1/ . .	7,267.7	6,731.3	— 7	1,777.4	1,596.8
Sheep and lambs					
Wisconsin3	.4	+ 33	.029	.038
United States 1/ . .	817.0	652.0	— 20	87.8	68.2

1/Excludes Alaska.

BEEF PRICES HIGHER

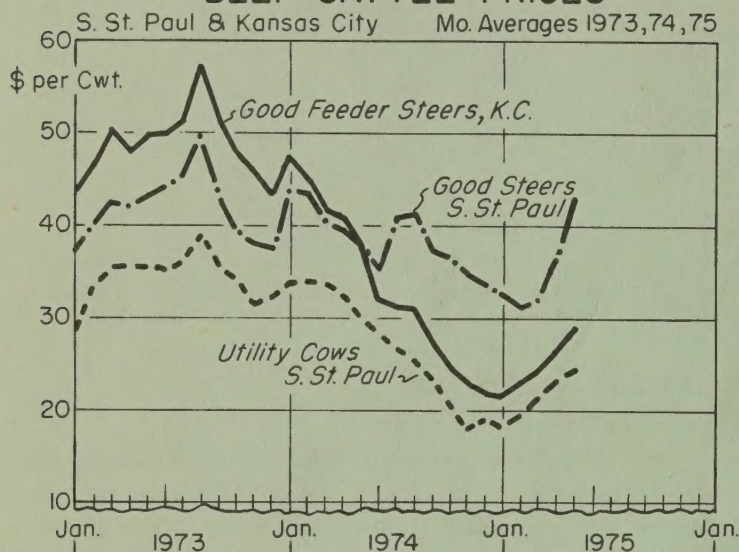
Prices for beef cattle increased from April to May at the Kansas City and St. Paul markets. Good grade feeder steers weighing between 600-700 pounds averaged \$29.45 a hundredweight at Kansas City in May, an increase of \$2.91 from April. Although feeder steer prices have increased each month during 1975, they were still \$8.10 below May 1974.

Good grade fed steers weighing between 900-1100

pounds averaged \$42.63 a hundredweight at St. Paul during May, up \$5.31 from a month earlier and \$4.43 above last year. This was the highest price for fed steers since February 1974 and was also the first time since then that prices exceeded the previous year.

Utility cows at St. Paul averaged \$24.80 a hundredweight in May, a gain of \$1.66 from April but \$5.21 below a year ago.

BEEF CATTLE PRICES

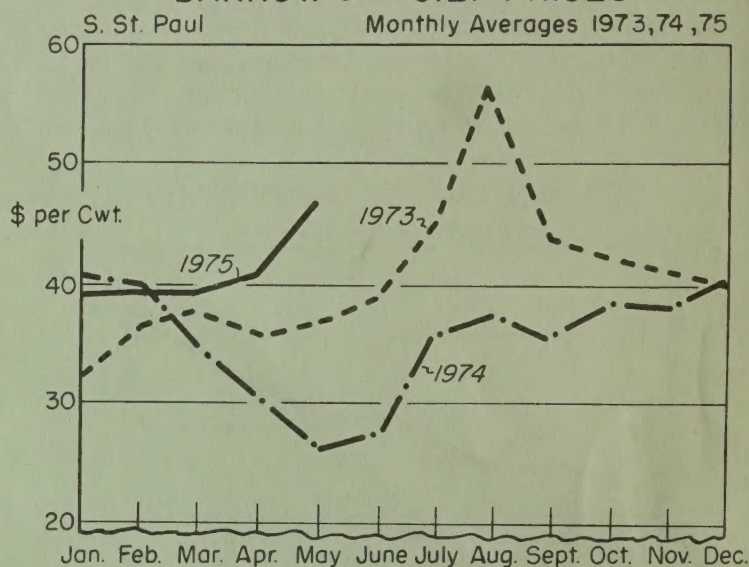


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HOG MARKET UP SHARPLY

Prices of barrows and gilts at the St. Paul market averaged \$46.67 a hundredweight during May, an increase of \$5.86 from the previous month and the second highest price on record. A year ago in May the average price for barrows and gilts was only \$26.22 a hundredweight.

BARROW and GILT PRICES



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